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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION KINSHASA FROM LUBUMBASHI 18 MAY  
REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION

QUOTE  
C O N F I D E N T I A L LUBUMBASHI 0496

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SUBJ: SHABA II SITREP, MAY 18, 1978

1. AMERICAN CITIZENS:

(A) FROM KOLWEZI'S METHODIST AMSTUTZ INTERRUPTED MISSIONARY  
RADIO CONTACT ON AFTERNOON MAY 17 WITH EXCITED PLEA "TELL KEN  
(RIGHT) TO DO SOMETHING QUICKLY. THER'S BOMBARDMENT ALL  
AROUND US". AMSTUTZ LIVES IN CORNER OF NEW SECTION OF TOWN  
NEAREST THE AIRPORT. METHODISTS ARE GOING RB SUGGEST THAT FOR HIS  
OWN SAFETY, AMSTUTZ SHOULD RESTRAIN HIS RADIO COMMENTS.

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(B) AMERICAN TOURIST ROBERT HAROLD BROWN WHO WAS VISITING  
KAMIN ARRIVED IN LUBUMBASHI BY TRAIN AT 1900 MAY 17.

(C) CATHOLIC MISSIONARY RADIO IN LUBUMBASHI REPORTED THIS  
MORNING THAT TWO RPT TWO AMERICAN PRIESTS HAVE EVACUATED KASAJI  
AT REQUEST OF FAZ AND ARE TWO IN SANDOA. WE ASSUME THAT THEY ARE  
HOFFMAN AND JESKE. METHODIST MISSIONARY KEN ENRIGHT REPORTS THAT  
FATHERS WAGNER AND MESSERICH WERE AT HIS HOUSE IN KOLWEZI LAST

WEEK. WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE ELSEWHERE. IF THERE WAS ONE ADDITIONAL CATHOLIC PRIEST AT KASAJI PRIOR TO EVACUATION; AS REPORTED IN KINSAHSA 4897, PLEASE IDENTIFY HIM.

2. MILITARY ACTION:

FIGHTING RAGED IN KOLWEZI MOST OF MAY 17, TWO SOURCES REPORTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN AT LEAST A DOZEN EUROPEAN CASUALTIES. SPOTTER PLANE SAW FAZ TROOPS BURNING GRASSES IN VICINITY OF AIRPORT; CONFIRMING THAT FAZ DID SUCCEED IN SEIZING AIRPORT. FAZ DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE OCCUPIED ANY SECTIONS OF THE TOWN. BY THE END OF THE DAY SEVERAL REPORTS NOTED THAT KOLWEZI WAS QUIET. GCM SOURCES REPORTED MORNING OF MAY 18 THAT INVADERS MAY HAVE PILLAGED CIS CAMP AFTER PULL OUT.

3. MILITARY POSITIONS:

(A) THERE ARE STILL NO REPORTS OF INVADER PRESENCE IN MUTSHATSHA. CONSULATE RECEIVED ONE REPORT THAT SMALL FORCE OF REBELS WAS SEEN IN AREA OF MUKULESHI (1028S/2414E), ABOUT 50 KMS WEST OF MUTSHATSHA.

(B) SNCZ REPORTED THAT CROSSING THE LUALABA BRIDGE (1047S/2545E) FOR KOLWEZI WERE 12 TRUCKS OF TROOPS ON MAY 16TH AND 10 TRUCKS OF TROOPS ON MAY 17TH. GCM REPORTS THAT PASSING LUENA (0927S/2546E) BOUND FOR KOLWEZI ON MAY 16 WERE 15 TRUCKS OF TROOPS AND ON MAY 17 WERE 12 TRUCKS OF TROOPS.

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(A) KOLWEZI: GCM REP RENARD WAS ABLE TO SEND A MESSAGE FROM KOLWEZI ON AFTERNOON OF MAY 17, MESSAGE READ: "MILITARY AUTHORITIES (INVADERS) HERE EXPECT A FOREIGN PARATROOP INTERVENTION. THIS WILL BE CONSIDERED AN ACT OF WAR. THE SITUATION IS VERY DELICATE." GCM OFFICIALS IN LUBUMBASHI BELIEVE HE WAS FORCED TO SEND THIS MESSAGE BY INVADERS WHO STILL HOLD HIM CAPTIVE.

(B) FAZ AT NZILY GAVE ORDER ON MORNING OF MAY 18 TO CUT ALL ELECTRICAL POWER AND TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS WITH KOLWEZI.

(C) COMMUNICATIONS INTO KOLWEZI: GCM WAS NEVER ABLE TO REPAIR LINE WHICH WAS CUT SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER, COMMUNICATIONS NOW MAINTAINED

BY SNEL RELAY FROM LUBUMBASHI TO HYDROELECTRIC SITE AT LIKASI TO SITE AT NZILU, AND INTO KOLWEZI. CALLS ARE MADE FROM ONE STATION TO THE NEXT BY ZAIRIAN SNEL OFFICIALS, AND RELAYED BACK AND FORTH. GCM OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT INVADERS HAVE DISCOVERED THIS PATCHING NETWORK AND WILL EITHER USE IT TO TRANSMIT DEMANDS OR CUT IT TO SEAL OFF THE CITY FURTHER.

(D) ON MAY 17, REGIONAL COMMISSIONER EFAMBE WAS REPORTEDLY REPLACED BY MILITARY GOVERNOR FOR SHABA, GENERAL NSINGA.

(E) LUBUMBASHI: MARCH OF SUPPORT SCHEDULED FOR MAY 17 WAS CANCELLED BY ARMY BECAUSE THEY FEARED INFILTRATORS WOULD USE OPPOR-

TUNITY TO STIR UP TROUBLE IN LUBUMBASHI. CITY WAS QUIET DURING EVENING OF MAY 17 WITH UNCERTAINTY OF WHO MIGHT BE IN CHARGE, BUT FEAR THAT SOLDIERS MIGHT FEEL FREER TO ACT ON THEIR OWN WITH NEW MILITARY RULE. SOME CIVILIANS ROUGHED UP WHEN THEY TRIED TO BREAK CURFEW. ALL COMPANIES WHICH WORKED NIGHT SHIFTS EXCEPT GCM HAVE CURTAILED THEIR BUSINESS. SOME ARE CLOSING COMPLETELY FOR LACK OF RAW MATERIALS. CND HAS RAIDED ALL HOTELS IN TOWN (ONE HOTEL WAS HIT THREE TIMES IN ONE NIGHT) LOOKING FOR SUSPICIOUS PERSONS AND IN THE PROCESS SEIZING PAPERS, MONEY AND VALUABLES OF MANY PEOPLE WITHOUT OBVIOUS MEANS OF PROTECTION.

(F) FUNGURUME: SMTF EXPATRIATES AND UK CITIZENS HAVE NOT YET BEEN EVACUATED. THEY ARE SEEKING AUTHORIZATION FROM NEW MILITARY ADMINISTRATION OF SHABA. SMTF REPORTS THAT SITUATION IN FUNGURUME IS CALM DESPITE PRESENCE OF NUMEROUS FAZ SOLDIERS. CONFIDENTIAL

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(G) CATHOLIC MISSIONARY RADIO NETWORK REPORTED THAT THERE WAS NO RESPONSE FROM FRANCISCAN MISSION AT MPALA (1037S/2510E) AT REGULAR 8:00 RADIO CHECK THIS MORNING. CATHOLIC CAN PROVIDE ONLY SPECULATION, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE MISSION EVACUATED.

(H) WEST SHABA: METHODIST MISSIONARIES REPORT THAT AS OF MAY 17 ALL REMAINED CALM IN WEST SHABAN TOWNS OF KASAJI, DILOLO, KAFAKUMBA, AND SANDOA.

(I) JAPANESE HAVE MOVED ABOUT 12 DEPENDENTS OF SODIMIZA FROM LUBUMBASHI TO BORDER TOWN OF KAFAKUMBA.

##### 5. PSYCHOLOGICAL/RUMBLINGS

THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON RADIO WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 17, AND IN MJUMBE, MAY 18, OF A MILITARY GOVT IN SHABA HAS GIVEN RISE TO FEARS AMONG THE POPULATION OF THE DANGERS OF THE FAZ BASED IN LUBUMBASHI RUNNING AMUCK. REPORTS ARE THAT FAZ ALREADY WEDNESDAY EVENING ENTERED HOMES IN THE CITIES WHERE THERE SEEMED TO BE NO EVIDENCE OF CURFEW-BREAKING. ALSO ON THE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS,

STUDENTS STAYED IN THEIR ROOMS AS OF 1600 HOURS BECAUSE SOLDIERS FROM TWO NEIGHBORING CAMPS WERE CIRCULATING AND THREATENING STRAGGLERS.

CERTAIN INTELLECTUALS JUDGE THAT THE CANCELLATION IN LUBUMBASHI OF WEDNESDAY'S ANNOUNCED MARCH IN SUPPORT OF MOBUTU WAS DUE ENTIRELY TO THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER'S DISMAY AT HAVING BEEN OUSTED.

OTHER PEOPLE HAVE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT THE CANCELLATION COULD STEM FROM WIDESPREAD BELIEF, OFFICIAL AND POPULAR, THAT KATANGANSE INFILTRATORS WOULD HAVE USED THE MARCH TO FURTHER THEIR OWN ENDS. POPULAR WISDOM HAS IT THAT INFILTRATORS HAVE BEEN PRESENT AND KNOWN IN LUBUMBASHI SINCE JANUARY, LYING LOW ALL DURING APRIL AND EARLY MAY, AND NOW VISIBLE AGAIN IN THE CITIES, WHILE THIS BELIEF CANNOT BE SUBSTANTIATED, PEOPLE ARE ALREADY BEGINNING TO SEE THEMSELVES AS CAUGHT BETWEEN THE FAZ LET LOOSE AND THE INFILTRATORS IN THEIR MIDST.

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